New food processing units in Northern States

†2765. SHRI AJAY SINGH CHAUTALA: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are planning to set up new food processing units in Northern States;

(b) the details of the funds/grants allocated for setting up of food processing units during the last three years; and

(c) the details of such schemes pending or under implementation in Haryana and Punjab during 2005?

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI SUBODH KANT SAHAI): (a) Ministry of Food Processing Industries does not set up food processing industries on its own. The Ministry of Food Processing Industries under its Plan Scheme for Technology Upgradation/Modernization/ Establishment of Food Processing Industries, extends financial assistance in the form of grant-in-aid @ 25% of the cost of Plant and Machinery and Technical Civil works subject to a maximum of Rs.50 lakhs in general areas or 33.33% subject to a maximum of Rs.75 lakhs in Difficult areas to implementing agencies/ entrepreneurs for setting up/modernization/technology upgradation of food processing industries.

(b) The expenditure incurred towards providing grant to food processing units under the Scheme for Technology Upgradation/Modernization/Establisment of Food Processing Industries during 2004-05, 2005-06 and 2006-07 has been as follows:–

Year	Amount (Rs. in crores)
2004-05	51.14
2005-06	69.81
2006-07	82.19

(c) During the year 2005-06, grant in respect of fourteen applicants was approved for an amount of Rs.443.93 lakhs and 'four applications have been under process in respect of Punjab. Grant in respect of three applicants was approved for an amount of Rs.48.73 lakhs and one application has been under process in respect of Haryana during the same period.

Utilization of fruits and vegetables in Rajasthan

2766. DR. GYAN PRAKASH PILANIA: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether any survey has been carried out by Government for utilization of fruits and vegetables in Rajasthan for processing;

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